

**REMARKS**

After entry of the subject Preliminary Amendment claims 1-18 remain in the application with claim 1 in independent form. More specifically, in this amendment, claims 3-10 have been amended, claims 12-18 have been added, and claims 1, 2, and 11 remain unchanged.

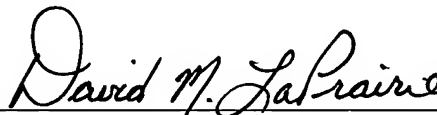
The specification has been amended to state the claim of priority in addition to the claim of priority which is stated on Transmittal Form PTO-1390.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account no. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

**HOWARD & HOWARD ATTORNEYS, P.C.**

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David M. LaPrairie". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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